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# A Young Lady

Gives Her Reasons Why She Is Not a Christian.

Dear Readers of the Blue Grass Blade.  
I have been a subscriber to your worthy little paper for a few weeks. Never a number comes but suggests volumes of thoughts to my mind and just now as I read Miss Gibson's letter in the June fourteenth number I lay aside the paper and beg leave to add my little note.

What Miss Gibson I agree that many things are needed to make this world a really happy home for human creatures and among the things most needed is dress reform. I fancy a few amused smiles among the readers at the idea of a discussion of dress reform arising in the columns of a paper whose hobby is religion, or rather anti-religion but our editor says it is published in the interest of good morals and I take that as the physical condition of people has a greater influence on their morals than has their religious belief.

It is doubtful whether the dress reform advocates do well in wishing to press upon the people some particular style of clothing. No matter how earnest we may be in belief we are all loath to give up the fashions we have grown up to regard as correct and as such which will make us odd among our fellow creatures. In fact the occupations of many young women make such a more quiet impossible, so I would advise Miss Gibson and all those interested in her idea to say no more about a style of dress for maids and matrons but just say "Take off your corsets; put on a sensible shoe, plenty large; wear untrained skirts and no heavy hats. Many have already taken up those ideas and we are practicing the rules just mentioned and I believe that by joining the ranks of those working in the interest of that rather mild reform and using all our power to spread the idea of physical culture and a complete knowledge of the forms and functions of the human body, more good will be accomplished than by advocating some more radical reform."

I do not know whether our editor will give me space for a talk on physical culture and the relation of the world for more knowledge of our physical character. I will switch off and give the key of my observations on the Bible question.

I am not a Christian because I can not within me find the desire to worship such a God as the Bible describes, nor can I believe in the Bible account of Creation. I do not see any more reason for believing the Bible to be sacred or the religion founded upon it the only true religion than there is for believing that any of the many other religious beliefs of the world are alone in infallible.

Undoubtedly any religion is merely the attempt of a partially civilized mind to explain that for which it can find no scientific explanation. Such being the case explains why any people advanced in the state of civilization and in the knowledge of their religion becomes modified.

Undoubtedly the religion at the beginning is probably a matter of mind and has an elevating influence on the common people but after a time they grow up to it and from it it tends to hold them back. Such has been the history of the Christian religion. For the people are inclined to believe that we are apt to lay a little too much of the blame at the door of the church.

In spite of the Bible account of creation we act as a check on the minds of the masses and the common mind has so far advanced that the envious of the churches, the comparatively little preaching, the still less of the Bible and the eternal damnations are but the echoes of the past which in long reverberations reach our own time.

The God of the Bible is entirely dead. The God, who is of goodness and purity, is filled with mercy and is infinite in his goodness. The "Christian spirit" is one of goodness and purity. The sermon from the pulpits are very liberal in quality and those things in the Bible which are painted in scorn or horror are either not mentioned at all else mentioned as parables and a modern lesson drawn from them.

The religious publications for children are the spirit of love and the sweetness. The world is full to be found with the great body of the Christian teaching at the present time seems to me to be in the hands of people to depend on a power other than their own to make them what they wish to be. The Christian idea, what it should be, is excellent but the clinging to superstitious belief, in a higher power and laudation that they feel that power when all the power they know is that within themselves is quite the contrary.

In many cases the persons converted to Christianity are made better because their determination to live up to a standard is awakened. If then their mind is so balanced that they can control their desires they will become of the interest awakened make a little more effort to do and succeed. On the contrary if their psychological balance is such that they will yield to certain temptations despite resolutions, the ordinary they will remain the same unless an other influence sufficiently strong to overcome the balance. The balance is brought to bear they will sin whether Christian, infidel or simply indifferent. Hence, the good of your generation, I ask for there, is your article to which I alluded, you

much as to influence prenatal and of environment. Let us control what we created in mental balance. That balance or rather lack of exact balance is carried far enough away to be called insanity. MINNIE H. GIBSON, Matlock, Washington.

## MONEY V. THE GOLDEN RULE.

Editor Blue Grass Blade:  
I glad to see that you are beginning to realize that "money and property make a lot of unhappiness." But as it seems you haven't had enough unhappiness yet account of it, and ask for more of "the root of all evil" will comply with the request and send you all of my money and give you a deed to all of my property—a paltry hundred thousand dollars more or less—provided you will turn all of yours into the general fund immediately after you have received my donation and have prevailed upon everybody else to do likewise and obey the Golden Rule.

This is all that is necessary to make us all happy in so far as nature's gifts are added to do. Likewise is the sole aim of Philosophical Anarchy to educate people to "do unto others as they want others to do unto them." But this cannot be accomplished in one generation. People must first be educated to see how well they could get along without money and property and with the Golden Rule as the only law to govern them. Then it will be but a short time before steps will be taken to place the money in the "money"—the instrument of the devil to ruin men's souls.

## HERMAN WETTERSTEIN.

Pittsburg, Ga., June 20, 1903.

Answer—I do not believe in any "devil" or "L. any such thing as a "hell."

I think your idea is impracticable, but if you think it is right you ought to give your money and property away. You ought not to wait on other people to get them to do right. You ought to set the example and do the right thing if nobody else in the whole world did it.

Don't say that there are all the honor lie."

## ABOUT THOSE PICTURES.

St. Sterling, Ky., June 20, 1903.

Editor Blue Grass Blade:  
I read in the Blade of last week that one of the members of the National Liberal Party feels grieved over the pictures of the various in the Blade of past weeks, and makes him hesitate to distribute the paper among his friends.

I have not for any length of time listened to some preacher or another who did not "slander the character of some of the greatest men that ever lived simply because they had not the concern us if I read what they said. Our friend says "Whether or not it is a fact that God created man is a fact that a number of people believe it." It concerns us not what some good people believe but what we believe and want us to accept as truth. It is true no one has a right to interfere with the free belief of another but I am sure that your intention is not to prevent the good Christian people from worshipping their God but to free look from the orthodox clutches of the church. We as Liberals are no longer willing to pay tax for the support of church property and chaplains. We have no representation in that faith, hence we are no longer willing to submit to such gross injustice. As to the theory of the creation of man, if I was an alchemist God I would create nothing but happy beings in a world large enough and good enough to make every living being happy all the days and every hour of their whole life instead of the few favored ones and the masses wretched to live a long life of misery with the fine prospects of hellfire afterward.

EMIL FREDERICK.

## HAS BEEN TO PALESTINE.

Madison, Wis., June 20, 1903.

Charles C. Moore Esq., Lexington, Ky.  
Dear Sir—I enclose exchange for \$10.00 for the Blue Grass Blade. I have three copies of your Dog Fennel in the Orient, when they come. Keep the change and I will look for them. I afford great amusement as do most of your productions.

I have visited the holy realm of Palestine. I know how it is myself. No wonder old Jehovah selected it for his chosen people. It accords with his own character, as revealed to us—desolate and nasty, black and barren, the nature which he considered the dust of the sun and moon hesitated to pass over it.

I am in the Blade that you are enlightening me as a spiritualist. You ought to know better. In my article, I have written of the enormous size of the world. I know that I am not a spiritualist. In the ordinary sense, yet candidly express my change of view on all sides. I am of the opinion that the human function which is called the soul, like the human body, is constituted of body, have alike always existed and will always exist. There is nothing but in nature, and I do not deny that I know nothing, neither do you. Respectfully,  
J. K. TENNEY.

Answer—Please accept my thanks for your generousity. I ask for there, is your article to which I alluded, you

certainly wrote as a spiritualist, and your letter above is certainly that of a spiritualist. You say that you are "not a spiritualist in the ordinary sense." That may be so, but that language means that you are a spiritualist in some sense.

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# A HURRY UP O.DER.

One day last week a prominent railroad man of Austin, Texas, stepped into restaurant for quick lunch. Soon after taking his meal he noticed one of the judges of the Court of Appeals

come in and take a seat on the opposite side of the room. The waiter soon appeared and took the judge's order and delivered it to the kitchen in the rear of the building as it was given him. He followed it up by calling out, "O.K. Katy Flyer!" The railroad man was naturally interested in this; asked the judge what was up—how it was that he was ordering a whole railroad train for lunch. The food man, and, in consequence, the waiter was called upon for an explanation. His answer was: "The judge wanted his dinner in a hurry, so I gave him a 'Katy Flyer!'"